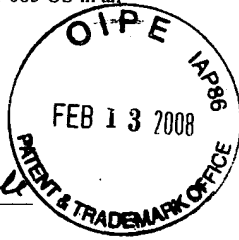


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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing are the following:

1. an Issue Fee Transmittal, Part B (PTO Form PTOL-85B); and
2. Comment on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the requisite Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18(a), § 1.18(d), and for five (5) advanced copies of the issued patent to our Deposit Account No. 50-3013. A copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed.

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicant believes that the Statement of Reasons for Allowance in this case is improper as it merely copies one or more limitations of the claims into the reasons for allowance. While applicant believes that the claims are allowable, applicant does not agree patentability resides in each feature, exactly as expressed in the claims, nor that each feature is required for patentability.

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